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EMPLOYMENT THROUGH PLACEMENT AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employment exchanges have become defunct due to the privatisation of a number of Public Sector Undertakings and Direct Recruitment by Railways and Banks;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to assign the functions of employment exchange to private placement agencies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the agencies identified for forming the panel of employment agencies, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): No, Sir. There were 947 employment exchanges functioning across the country as on 31.12.2006. The employment exchanges make registration of job seekers and sponsor them against the notified vacancies received from the employers. As on 31.12.2006, there were 41.5 million job seekers on the live register of employment exchanges. During 2006, 3.58 lakh vacancies were notified to employment exchanges against which names of 30.29 lakh job seekers were submitted out of which 1.77 lakh were placed. The employment exchanges also collect and compile employment market information under the provisions of Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959 and rules framed thereunder, for creating data-base, making assessment by the planners in respect of demand and supply of labour, preparing career literature for vocational guidance and counselling to the job-seekers to help them in shaping their careers.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.